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SUMMARY: LEADERS OF MAJOR DEMOCRATIC PARTIES DISPLAYED
PARTISAN OPTIMISM IN PREDICTING ELECTION RESULTS WHILE
COMMUNISTS WERE EQUALLY SANGUINE. END SUMMARY

1. INFLUENTIAL INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "EXPRESSO" CARRIED APRIL 23
ELECTION PREDICTIONS BY LEADERS OF THREE MAJOR DEMOCRATIC
PARTIES. THEIR VIEWS:

--MARIO SOARES (PS): SOCIALISTS WILL WIN ABOUT 40 PERCENT,
FOLLOWED BY CDS, PPD, AND PCP, POPULAR AND CENTER DEMOCRATS
TOGETHER WILL POLL UNDER 50 PERCENT. COMMUNISTS CAN EXPECT
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FROM TEN TO TWELVE PERCENT. ULTRA-LEFT POPULAR DEMOCRATIC

UNION IS ONLY OTHER PARTY WITH HOPES OF ELECTING DEPUTIES.

--FRANCISCO SA CARNEIRO (PPD): PPD - 37 PERCENT PS - 26

TO 28 PERCENT; CDS - 15 PERCENT. PCP AND MAOIST AOC AND

MRPP WILL FOLLOW WITH UNSPECIFIED PERCENTAGES.

--DIOGO FREITAS DO AMARAL (CDS): FOUR TOP PARTIES WILL BE

CDS, PPD, PS, AND PCP. FIFTH PLACE WILL BE DISPUTED BETWEEN

UDP AND MONARCHISTS. PERCENTAGES CAN ONLY BE KNOWN ON ELECTION

DAY.

2. COMMUNIST POLL: ALTHOUGH COMMUNIST LEADER CUNHAL

FAILED TO RESPOND TO "EXPRESSO" INITIATIVE, RANK-AND-FILE

PCP SOURCE SAID PARTY IS TELLING MEMBERS IT EXPECTS FOLLOWING:

PS - 32 PERCENT; PPD - 25 PERCENT; CDS - 16 PERCENT;

PCP - 18 TO 20 PERCENT; REMAINDER DIVIDED AMONG EXTREME

RIGHT AND LEFT PARTIES AND NULL VOTES.

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